

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at Page 3, line 26.

Figure 11 is an isometric view of a bag sealing apparatus according to yet a further embodiment of the invention.

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Fig. 11 is an isometric view of a bag sealing apparatus 40 according to yet another embodiment of the invention. The bag sealing apparatus 40 includes a sealing portion 42 that engages a receiver portion 14. Many of the specific details of the sealing portion 42 and the receiver portion 42 have been described previously, and for reasons of brevity, will not be described further. The sealing portion 42 includes a bore 44 that extends along the length of sealing portion 42. A lanyard 46 comprised of a flexible material is threaded through the bore 44. The receiver portion 14 includes holes at near each end of the receiver portion 42 which the lanyard 46 is threaded through. The lanyard 46 passing through bore 44 of sealing portion 42 and through holes in receiver portion 14 is coupled to itself to form an endless loop of flexible material that may be used as a hanger or a handle so that the bag (not shown) may be hand-carried, or retained on a supporting hook (not shown) when a bag is retained by the sealing apparatus. The lanyard couples the receiver portion 14 and the sealing portion thus advantageously avoiding misplacing the receiver portion 14 relative to the sealing portion 42.